

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: OFFER et al

Entitled: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CORROSION RESISTANT  
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and including attachments as noted below:

Newly executed Declaration,  Copy of Declaration from prior application,  Abstract  
33 pages of specification and claims (including 22 numbered claims), and  
12 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.

Attached is a Power of Attorney.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

JC821 U.S. PTO  
10/051057

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior appln. no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/104,022, filed October 13, 1998, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/416,943, filed October 13, 1999, , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

The prior application is assigned to General Electric Company.

It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.

Applicant claims "small entity" status.  "Small entity" statement attached.

Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Also attached:  Information Disclosure Statement;  Non-Publication Request;  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission;  Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application;  Other:

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Basic Filing Fee		\$	740.00
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Independent claims 2 - 3 (at least 3) = 0	x \$ 84.00	\$	0.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper)		\$	0.00
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			\$ 0.00
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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